

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification by replacing each respective paragraph of record with the amended paragraphs below:

[0012] In another aspect, the present invention comprises a housing having at least one opening disposed therein. The housing is preferably adapted to be placed or positioned at least partially within a user's ear. The housing also preferably includes electronic circuitry that is adapted to convert acoustic energy into signals, preferably electrical signals. Further in accordance with this aspect of the invention, the housing includes an extended portion that is positionable substantially adjacent the auditory canal of a user's ear without entirely occluding the auditory canal.

[0024] As used herein, the term "electronic headset" shall include the "ear mounting assembly" of the present invention. Thus, "electronic headsets" covers portable ear mounted devices which permit the user to listen to desired sounds transmitted from an associated electronic product such as a cellular telephone, DVD player, CD Rom player and any other electronic audio device.

[0026] The present invention advantageously provides an ear mounting assembly for electronic components for transmitting audio sounds, which is adapted to be so connected into a user's ear that the audio sounds, can be transmitted to the auditory canal of the user's ear without interfering with the user's ability to hear other ambient sounds.

[0034] FIG. 6A is an enlarged fragmentary view of the connecting point on the ear mounting assembly for electronic

components shown in FIGS. 4, 5 and 6 of the drawings showing ~~that~~ where an electrical conducting wire can be added for communication with other electronic devices for transmitting electronically, sounds, signals and other communications.

[0056] The ear section 11 has a generally cylindrical end section connector 18 at one end which can be affixed to the housing connecting section 16 by any suitable snapping or threaded means 19 for snug engagement to the passageway end of the inner member 14. An arcuate neck portion 20 extends from the end section connector 18. At the opposite end of the neck section 20, a sized and shaped ear cushion or pad 21 is formed. The ear section 11 will fit into the User's Ear UE, so that the arcuate neck portion 20 rests on the Antitragus, thus enabling the ear cushion or pad 21 to rest or lie in the cavity or Concha C of the User's Ear UE. As the ear pad 21 is positioned in the Concha C of the User's Ear UE that portion of the housing 13 that is connected to the opposite end of the ear section 11 generally projects downwardly along the front or outer face of the Lobe L of the User's Ear UE, as is shown in FIGS. 2 and 3 of the drawings.

[0057] In a preferred embodiment, the ear section 11 includes a bore 22 having an open end 23 at the end of the air cushion that projects into the Concha C. The bore 22 extends into the ear section 11 through to the main passageway 17. The bore 22 and main passageway 17 provide a channel for communicating audio signals between the user's ear canal and the electronic components located within the housing. In the preferred embodiment, the bore 22 comprises a single opening. Alternatively, in lieu of a bore 22 having a relatively large single opening 23, a plurality of smaller openings may be included at the end of the ~~air~~ear cushion while yet allowing

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effective communication of the audio signals between the User's  
Ear UE and the electronic component located within the housing.